



PATENT
Docket No. 4004.001

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
ARAM, et al.) Group Art Unit: 3733
Entitled: "SURGICAL INSTRUMENT AND)
RELATED METHODS") Examiner: Hoffman, Mary C.
Serial No. 10/765,950)
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AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Please consider the following remarks in response to the Office Action of
September 1, 2006, and amend the application as follows: